

OVERSEA TRADE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1926.

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Compiled by the Government Statist from monthly details received from the Collector of Customs.

With the receipt of the details of trade for the month of June the Government Statist has been enabled to complete his preliminary aggregates of the Oversea Trade for the year 1925-26. The following review is submitted subject to final revision.

All figures in parenthesis are those for the previous year inserted for comparative purposes.

TOTAL YEAR'S TRADE VALUES. The grand total value of the Year's Oversea Imports and Exports combined was only £18,570 less than the record year of 1924-25, the respective totals being £33,176,784 (£33,195,354) equal to £60 8s 10d (£61 12s 10d) per capita.

IMPORTS totalled £13,903,176 (£13,970,327), £25 4s 1d (£25 18s 10d) per capita - the total being £67,151 less than the record year of 1924-25.

EXPORTS totalled £19,273,608 (£19,225,027), £34 18s 9d (£35 14s) per capita. The Year's exports exceeded the previous year by £48,581 and are considerably higher than any other year with the exception of 1919-20 which was heavily influenced by the shipment of accumulated wheat stocks as a result of the War.

BALANCE OF TRADE. The exports exceeded the imports by the substantial total of £5,370,432. The excesses for the two previous years were respectively £5,254,700 and £4,190,613.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRADE. Compared with the previous year the proportions to the grand total of Imports and also the volume showed a decrease from the United Kingdom and increases from Other British Possessions and Foreign Countries, the totals and percentages being:--

IMPORTS FROM	1925-26 £	1924-25 £	1925-26 %	1924-25 %
United Kingdom	5,910,054	6,257,913	42.51	44.79
Other British Possessions	2,069,906	1,879,087	14.89	13.45
Foreign Countries	5,923,216	5,833,327	42.60	41.76
GRAND TOTAL	13,903,176	13,970,327	100.00	100.00

The proportion to the Grand Total of the State's Exports to the United Kingdom was greater in volume and percentage and to Other British Possessions and Foreign Countries less in both volume and percentage, than for the year 1924-25

EXPORTS TO	1925-26 £	1924-25 £	1925-26 %	1924-25 %
United Kingdom	9,760,976	8,657,414	50.64	45.03
Other British Possessions	2,877,030	2,930,882	14.93	15.25
Foreign Countries	6,635,602	7,636,731	34.43	39.72
GRAND TOTAL	19,273,608	19,225,027	100.00	100.00

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED.

The following is a list of the quantities and Values of the principal items of Imports:--

FISH £147,463 (£116,748) TEA 2,940,684 lbs. £217,708 (3,232,249 lbs. £244,697) WHISKY 70,129 galls. £87,899 (85,864 galls. £109,005)

FIBRES £69,037 (£63,355) the two chief items being Hemp 12,834 cwts. £32,972 (16,051 cwts. £35,767) Kapok 227,598 lbs. £12,659 (284,700 lbs. £12,511)

APPAREL AND ATTIRE £465,656 (£630,687). The lines of apparel and attire were Socks and Stockings - Total £130,757 (£181,462) made up as follows:- Cotton £18,940 (£29,707) Silk £26,154 (£19,406) Woollen £85,663 (£132,349) Boots and Shoes £29,320 (£30,500) Gloves £32,611 (£39,230) Hats and Caps £45,163 (£38,403)

TEXTILES - ALL KINDS £2,057,280 (£2,185,444) - Chief items - Floor coverings, £308,046 (£308,425) Piece Goods £1,518,092 (£1,638,574) Quilts, covers &c. £75,629 (£36,610) Sewing Silks £96,817 (£105,339)

YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES £942,059 (£750,960) - Chief items - Corn and Flour Bags 1,596,949 doz. £769,493 (1,110,451 doz. £595,262) Woolpacks 21,141 doz. £68,897 (20,207 doz. £62,963) Bran and Chaff Bags 111,892 doz. £60,098 (38,200 doz. £16,111) Cordage and Twine £17,121 (£20,741) Woollen yarns £17,995 (£45,336)

OILS IN BULK Total £992,898 (£839,151) Chief lines - Kerosene 3,236,325 galls. £87,545 (3,209,326 galls. £91,339) Lubricating (mineral) oil 1,186,993 galls. £88,711 (930,099 galls. £87,382) Petroleum Spirit, Benzine &c. 14,135,435 galls. £760,190 (10,916,121 galls. £612,867) Turpentine and substitutes 129,762 galls. £14,581 (66,997 galls. £11,896)

PAINTS AND VARNISHES £83,222 (£48,478) ASPHALT, BITUMEN AND NATURAL PITCH 121,910 cwt. £41,149 (74,935 cwt. £15,301) COKE 49,462 tons £60,913 (25,477 tons £46,473)

MACHINES AND MACHINERY Total £1,326,502 (£1,292,658). Chief lines - Electrical machines and appliances £425,898 (£521,419) Agricultural, Horticultural and Viticultural Implements and Machines £98,007 (£100,876)

METAL AND METAL MANUFACTURES OTHER THAN MACHINERY Total £3,789,913 (£4,356,685). Chief lines being - Iron and Steel - Total £814,176 (£957,821) Pumps and Pumpware £55,285 (£67,897) Nails, nuts, screws £95,704 (£76,004) Pipes and tubes 156,047 cwt. £173,279 (170,851 cwt. £202,602) Platedware and cutlery £73,974 (£86,164) Tools of Trade (excluding machine tools) £114,962 (£126,235) Vehicles £2,048,411 (£2,432,420) - Of this amount Motor and Cycle Vehicles and Parts accounted for £1,721,655 (£1,763,490) which included 8,755 (9,595) motor chassis and 1,264 (1,466) motor car bodies.

RUBBER AND RUBBER MANUFACTURES £273,771 (£279,810). Of this amount, pneumatic tyres, covers, and tubes accounted for £243,881 (£225,905)

TIMBER, DRESSED AND UNDRESSED £596,952 (£584,121). BRICKENWARE, CHINA ETC. £72,239 (£80,487) GLASS, GLASSWARE AND LENSES £123,867 (£121,228)

PAPER £330,172 (£297,618). Chief item included is printing paper 10,843 tons £214,603 (9,125 tons £194,329)

STATIONERY AND PAPER MANUFACTURES £197,689 (£203,365). Of this total, Books and Periodicals accounted for £108,282 (£107,123) Paper Hangings and Wallpaper £13,780 (£17,905) and Pens and Pencils £16,017 (£15,815) ANCY GOODS £106,392 (£101,377) JEWELLERY AND IMPLEMENTS £77,720 (£47,005) OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS £90,759 (£86,529)

RUGS, CHEMICALS ETC. £581,291 (£601,050) - the chief items being fertilisers (Phosphates) 77,050 tons £289,832 (87,150 tons £337,611) sulphur (Brimstone) 11,473 tons £41,286 (15,799 tons £58,407) Sodium salts £74,115 (£39,783) Perfumery and Toilet Preparations £27,985 (£31,131) Cream of Tartar £10,872 (£14,841)

BRUSHWARE £30,988 (£23,065) MATCHES AND VESTAS £55,902 (£44,559) MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS £130,285 (£131,628). Numbers - Organs 1 (Nil) Pianos 799 (1,283), Piano Players 992 (657)

E X P O R T S.

The exports of the State are substantially the products of the pastoral agricultural, dairying and the smelting industries. The grand totals for the various groups were as follows:-

GROUPS OF EXPORTS	1925-26	1924-25	Inc. or Dec.
BREADSTUFFS	7,439,492	9,034,638	- 1,595,146
PASTORAL AND DAIRYING	5,422,961	6,092,720	- 669,759
ORCHARDS AND VINEYARDS	859,772	741,390	+ 118,382
MINING	5,375,645	3,206,073	+ 2,169,572
MISCELLANEOUS	175,738	150,206	+ 25,532
GRAND TOTAL	19,273,608	19,225,027	- 48,581

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DETAILS OF EACH GROUP OF EXPORTS.

ITEM	Unit of Quant.	QUANTITIES		VALUES	
		1925-26	1924-25	1925-26	1924-25
<u>BREADSTUFFS</u>					
Wheat	Bush.	19,831,259	24,327,327	6,184,170	7,734,301
Barley	Bush.	803,080	1,328,470	137,288	378,548
Flour	Ton	81,040	63,459	1,079,425	882,904
Bran & pollard	Bush.	353,995	556,935	38,609	36,467
All other	Val.	-	-	-	2,418
TOTAL		-	-	7,439,492	9,034,638
<u>PASTORAL & DAIRYING</u>					
Meats-Mutton & Lamb	Carc.	70,885	12,798	78,987	14,568
Skins and Hides					
Sheepskins	No.	1,284,021	812,966	575,689	629,117
All other	Val.	-	-	63,717	87,097
Wool - Greasy	Lb.	66,268,708	45,625,776	4,098,793	4,697,277
Washed	Lb.	3,232,024	2,370,869	333,639	372,887
Tallow	Cwt.	36,021	32,190	68,451	65,219
Butter	Lb.	1,928,914	2,518,286	155,172	171,378
All other	Val.	-	-	48,513	55,177
TOTAL		-	-	5,422,961	6,092,720
<u>ORCHARDS AND VINEYARDS.</u>					
Dried fruits-Currants	Lb.	8,799,883	9,492,063	189,609	236,573
Raisins	Lb.	8,871,018	10,434,773	272,235	317,501
Other	Lb.	469,742	376,373	21,461	19,493
Fresh fruits & presd.	Val.	-	-	172,804	74,567
Wines	Gall.	1,200,313	591,136	203,506	92,176
All other	Val.	-	-	157	1,080
TOTAL		-	-	859,772	741,390
<u>MINING (EX. SPECIAL)</u>					
Bullion - Silver	Oz.	7,489,013	7,190,538	1,061,866	1,071,459
Concentrates	Cwt.	5,710,151	4,750,832	1,894,503	1,289,504
Copper	Cwt.	39,251	9,965	89,181	15,355
Lead	Cwt.	1,306,602	451,661	2,300,707	798,777
Salt	Cwt.	91,232	105,048	13,450	17,790
All other	Val.	-	-	15,938	13,188
TOTAL		-	-	5,375,645	3,206,073

In addition, large quantities of Salt, Wine and Bark are sent to the other States.